

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Advisory Action dated January 26, 2006.

In view of the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, claims 1 and 37 have been amended to specify that the coded data "encodes ... a location of the tag".

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Applicant's previously submitted arguments in respect of Izawa in view of this amendment to the independent claims. For the Examiner's convenience, these arguments are reproduced below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

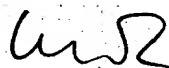
It is submitted that Izawa's barcodes do not read onto the Applicant's tags as defined in claim 1, because, Izawa's tags do not encode a location of the tag.. Neither does Izawa's computer system receive data identifying the document identity and a position of the sensing device on the document.

The individual bars in barcodes do not yield information regarding a position of the sensing device reading the barcode; rather, the bars when read together yield only a document identity. There is nothing within the disclosure of Izawa teaching the skilled person to encode location information into Izawa's barcodes. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of obviousness should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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